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PARENT'S DAY TOMORROW

QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCE FEBRUARY 20

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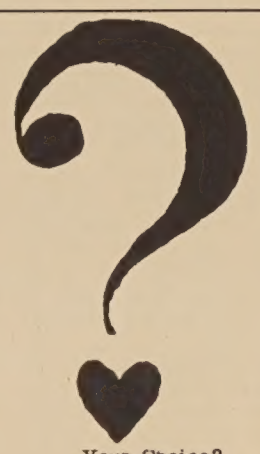

Your Choice?

On Friday February 20, from 9 P.M. to 1 A.M. the annual Queen of Hearts dance will be held at the Johnson City American Legion. Dancing will be to the music of the Top Hatters. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the social committee for $2 per couple.

Balloting will soon begin and, following tradition, every senior girl will be a candidate for queen. The girl receiving the most votes will be queen. The next four highest will be her attendants.

Committees planning the dance are as follows: Music: Joanne Bunker; Publicity: Cleda Warren, Connie Salvemini, Betsy Macey; Decorations: Jo May Shott, Robert Wright, Sue Leonhart, Connie Salvemini; Refreshments: Robert Wright.

Students Chosen For Symposium

Shirley Boyd, Clarence Bross, Pat Crane, and Ray Koloski--these are your representatives to the two-day Symposium which will be held in New York on March 20th and 21st.

The object of the Symposium is to try to bring together students and faculty members of the different units of the State University. The topic this year is "The State University--Its Progress and Its Prospects."

The Symposium will bring many outstanding people to speak. Among the speakers slated for the event are Francis Cardinal Spellman, and James B. Conant, President of Harvard University.

A.I.E.E. ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the student branch of the A.I.E.E. on January 13, officers were elected for this year. Don Weideman was moved up from Vice-President to the office of President; and Ron Gauthier was moved from Sergeant-at-Arms to the office of Treasurer.

Other officers were elected as follows: Bob Klube, Vice-President; Bill Elsbree, Secretary; and Jim Landon, Sergeant-at-Arms.

After the election of officers, Mr. Daniel O'Connor from I.B.M. spoke on electronic counters.

In the future, meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

GLEE CLUB LOSES LEADER

Mr. Thomas Clune, accompanist for the Glee Club, will succeed Mr. Robert Porter as Director of the organization. Mr. Porter has accepted a business position in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Glee Club will make its next appearance on January 31, when it will sing several selections as part of the program arranged for Parents' Day.

STATE TECH'S EXPECTING!

Since the evening of January 12 the Student Council has borne the glad news that State Tech is to become a parent. On that Monday evening the Council voted to subscribe $180 to the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children, Inc. The amount, taken from the $6,000 budget, will cover the "adoption" of some child who has never known a normal life--only hunger, fear, and tragedy. It provides the child for one year with food, shelter, clothing, medical care, schooling, and instruction in the religion of birth. In some cases funds are needed for plastic surgery, artificial limbs and eyes.

The Foster Parents' Plan is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian, independent relief organization. During the fifteen years of service it has given individual help to more than 70,000 children. More than 8,500 children of 14 different nationalities are now in Plan care. The Plan does not do mass relief. It has headquarters in the 7 countries where they work, Belgium, England, France, Western Germany, Greece, Holland, and Italy, with a central office in London. The Plan is accepted for registration with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the United States Government.

State Tech has invested 50¢ a day for one year in the life of one of the untold number of war children. The child is told of his/her Foster Parents and correspondence through the Plan office is encouraged.

Our completed application and check have been mailed to the New York City headquarters of the Plan. We now can only wait patiently for the big day; the day when the personal history and picture of "our child" arrive. Will it be a boy or girl?

Council To Sponsor "Iolanthe"

During the first week of April, the Syracuse Amateur Theatrical Group will present "Iolanthe", a musical comedy by Gilbert and Sullivan. The play will be held in the auditorium for the benefit of State Tech students, friends, relatives, and for the general public.

A committee including Jack Lowery, Shirley Boyd and Martha Humphrey has been named to work on the many angles of bringing such a production to State Tech. A group of students will be needed to work together as stage hands for setting up scenery and for assisting in the production.

SURVEY ON STUDENT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Because of the lack of interest and school spirit shown in activities this year at State Tech, a survey was taken recently by Mr. Greenwood to try to discover the reasons for this bad situation and what could be done about it.

Some of the reasons for lack of interest listed by students are (1) too busy with homework or outside job, (2) going home week-ends, (3) outside activities and friends, (4) not interested in such activities, (5) inadequate publicity, (6) faculty not interested enough, (7) physical education conditions at State Tech, (8) public attitude toward State Tech.

Suggestions made by students for arousing interest in activities are (1) Special types of dances such as blue jean dances, dances after games, and more get acquainted dances; (2) other activities such as parties sponsored by one group with other groups invited; more clubs and organizations; joint social affairs with Harpur; pep rallies.

The following are recommendations made by one faculty member:

1. Get students to consider advantages of attending a school with well-run and well-supported activities.
2. Our students have such a great variety of desires and opinions that a lot of give and take will be needed to develop an adequate activity program.
3. Since it is tradition to leave the initiative in activities largely to students, they should pay more attention to: (a) the fact that about $6000 of their money is spent on activities; (b) the people they elect to Student Council offices; (c) meeting with the Council representatives and making suggestions, helping Council carry out its projects; (d) planning activities for their group which other groups may be invited to join; (e) getting advice from the faculty and their wives; (f) planning next fall's program now.
4. Emphasize to students and outsiders that: (a) It is not the building, size, or name, but the people that make the college a good one; (b) State Tech is recognized as a very good college by people whose opinions are important; (c) We can work together to make State Tech such a good school that it will someday be recognized as one of the outstanding colleges in the United States.

On Saturday, January 31st, the annual Parents' Day program will be held at State Tech. The purpose of this day is to give parents of students an opportunity to visit the school and get acquainted with the faculty and other parents.

The event will begin at about 4:30 P.M. with an informal program at which the Glee Club will sing, and Mr. Tyrrell will speak on the future and permanency of State Tech. Beginning at 5:30 P.M. there will be a buffet supper which will be served until all have eaten.

During the entire evening all the laboratories will be open for those who wish to see them. The wind-up of the day will begin with a J.V. basketball game at 6:45, followed by a Varsity game at 9:00 between State Tech and Utica Tech. On Parents' Day in the past, there have been some thrilling games, and this one is expected to live up to that record.

The Student Council committee planning the Parents' Day program is headed by Warren Scofield, with co-chairman, Don Page. Others on the committee are Robert Shannahan, Barbara Rodman, and Marjorie Sharpe.

B.I.E. Day

February 16th

Monday, February 16th is Business-Industry-Education Day. It is a full day set aside for teachers, businessmen, and industrialists to meet together and become better acquainted, to learn something of each other's problems, and to learn at first hand the methods used by each in their operation.

On this day representatives of industry will visit State Tech until 11:00 A.M., at which time classes will be dismissed for the rest of the day. The faculty will then go to the industries where they will first have dinner and then tour the industries until 4:00 P.M.

The purpose of Business-Industry-Education Day is, (1) to give the firms an opportunity to present the true story of their operation before those who have the responsibility of guiding the development of coming generations, and, (2) to give the teachers the opportunity to show the business leaders of the community how their tax dollars are being spent and to demonstrate teaching methods and the real need for up-to-date facilities and equipment.

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Guest Editorial

by Paul F. Titchener

Counting all students registered in 1947 through the Fall of 1952 our Binghamton State Tech has provided new educational opportunities for 1015 boys and girls living in the Southern Tier of our State and in adjoining counties. These students have entered because they have had faith in this School to endure and grow, to become an important unit of the State University of New York, and a valuable part of our community life.

This same faith has been manifested by Director Tyrrell and his excellent staff. Their steadfast determination to organize the best possible school for the appropriations available and to establish the laboratories, classrooms, machinery, shops, etc. in the old State Armory Building resulted in an amazing transformation. This old building during its four years of occupancy by State Tech was used by more people than in all previous years of its existence.

I can never forget the disastrous fire of September 1951. I can't forget either the spirit and the aggressiveness which was demonstrated by our staff members in rescuing equipment, machinery, desks and countless other items which would otherwise never have been recovered. The enthusiasm demonstrated by these fine people in reestablishing our school in smaller and strange quarters was a fine example of faith and devotion to an educational project. This unselfishness on the part of the staff was an inspiration to our board members and other citizens in our valley. It inspired all of us to renewed efforts for a new start in larger and more suitable quarters.

I am well acquainted with the ambitions and the determination of citizens in the Triple Cities. They now feel that Binghamton State Tech is a necessity. I know full well that the objective of the county Board of Supervisors is to see our school reestablished in new buildings as a permanent unit of the State University. They have worked with us patiently and with understanding.

I am mindful of the desires of Governor Dewey, Lt. Gov. Moore and the State University Trustees in having our schools made permanent. Although this negotiation is taking time and requires much patience I am sure that all problems will eventually be resolved and our school will be established in permanent quarters on the Vestal site.

It will be a monument to all of us for working together and keeping faith.

STRAWS IN THE WIND?

Out with the old year goes pinochle; in with the new year comes chess. It seems to have captured the attention of both students and faculty.

Chess is a very ancient game and is thought to have originated in China. From China it passed into India where it was played by four people. (Isn't it complicated enough with two people?) It spread from India to Persia and was adapted by Arab conquerors and introduced into Europe. Early settlers brought the game to the United States, and now the brain-twister is occupying the "thinkers" (a loose term) of State Tech.

Does this change from the lazy-man's game to the thinker's game hold any significance?

As for us, who goes where and what is the theory of the game is a mystery. But, then, we are just dumb.

A definition of education has been figured out by the Cavalier Daily at the University of Virginia. It reads as follows: "We have been sitting around this University, man and boy, for over five years and we have finally decided that an education is a process of deadening one end in order to liven up the other!"

WHO'S WHO

Take one small T.O. senior from Delhi, New York. Add one pleasantly deep voice and beauty enough to make said girl queen of her high school senior ball. Stir well with a stick of gum. Fold in gray matter which puts girl on State Tech Director's List. Garnish with one satisfying diamond ring on proper finger of left hand and you should have one delicious dish by name of Barbara Braymer.

During 4 years at Delaware Academy Barb was a cheerleader, twirled a mean baton, played away in the band on a flute and piccolo, helped to keep the newspaper and yearbook in circulation, and did push-ups with the Leaders Club (athletic), and sang with a double trio.

When Barb moved on to State Tech she brought the talent with her. She is now feature editor of TECH TALK and is on the CITADEL staff. She is a member of the Student-Faculty Association and this term is secretary of the Student Council.

Every one must bow to an idiosyncrasy. Barb takes devilish delight in getting white things black. As a child she must have smeared walls, walked on little boys' saddle shoes, and breathlessly waited for soot to settle on the snow.

Barb claims no hobbies. From knowing her, though, it could be said that her hobby is chewing gum. She gets a laugh from Mr. Tedick's tales and is completely easy going and generous with a sincere "Hi".

Come summer and she will marry a State Tech alumnus. Oh for the fate of one State Tech leader, Barbara Braymer!

"Garbo" and it isn't Greta. After being chased for a few weeks Paul Guley, Mechanical II, was finally caught, nailed down, and interviewed. Popular Paul, otherwise known as "Garbo" or the "Garb" graduated from Binghamton Central High School in June of 1950. During his high school career, Paul excelled in sports and won letters both in basketball and track. He became a post-graduate at Central in 1951 and captained the varsity basketball team to the Section IV Championship.

A protege of the comedian Red Button, Paul was "thrilled" at being interviewed. His favorite song, strange as it may seem, is St. "Louise" Blues. The "Garb" enjoys his stay here at State Tech very much. When asked what he admires most in life Paul replied by saying the simple things like Marilyn Monroe, etc. Upon graduation from Tech, Paul will probably get married and move to St. "Louise" and live.

Paul, who has the fashionable brush-cut hair can be seen locally at the State Tech basketball games in which he capably co-captains the team. Pertaining to the basketball games, "Garbo" unlike his distant cousin "Greta" says, "Ve don't want to be alone, so back up the team and come to the remaining basketball games."

As the wise philosopher Tedick once stated, "Everyone's got troubles". There isn't a person at Tech who wouldn't agree with that statement. It's the same old story--homework, teachers, and inconveniences--but I guess we all have been sounding our horn a little too much. Let's all make a last term resolution to try to make the remaining time here as pleasant as possible. Smile, Brother, Smile and the whole school smiles with you; meanwhile take a gander at this month's doings.

BETTY KELM lately has been sporting a nice Air Force guy. The truth is, it's just her Bob with a new suit of issued blues.

CLEDA WARREN says her steady now is DON PAGE. Variety is the spice of life!

Notice that gleam in BARBARA BRAYMER'S eyes lately? It says "I got him halfway down the aisle." Congratulations to you and Chuck on your engagement.

"Who Sir," HLOPKO, "You Sir" BAKER, and "Not I" HATALA have been playing some very intellectual games in their spare time. It really requires heavily enforced rules.

JACK LOWERY, better known to his Chem. classmates as "Slob", has been escorting under classman BARB M. to the Tech affairs. Can she play volleyball, Jack?

Questions??? Are ANNA K. and WHITEY still going steady? If so, why the stranger attitude around school? Any particular reasons you two?

Gangleader, DON GREEN, of the T.O. II's will soon be leaving for the Navy. Your faithful gang chipped in on your water-wings as a "Bon Voyage" present.

Don't say State Tech isn't getting up in the world. The newest fad around the building is the game of the brain or chess, which has replaced pinochle entirely. MR. BEAGLE is often seen in one of those spine-tingling battles.

MARGIE HANEY and WALDO CRAIG are a very steady twosome here. They even bought twin sweaters in order to find each other quicker between classes.

BILL DEKAR plays a wicked game of shuffle board against his girl, Jennie. Incidentally, this is no new affair.

COACH, did you get your award for that championship jump you took?

The girls have taken over the gym on Friday noons and Monday nights for some basketball games. The boys seem to be very willing to give up their intramural time and just watch. More girls are still needed though, so if anyone is interested see Miss Marci.

The grape-vine says "BUCKY" and JOHN F. are transferring to Oneonta State Teachers College. Could the reason be the departing minutes on the school steps?

The Alumni of State Tech and the Alumni of Buffalo Tech working at G.E. had some bets on the game. Good thing the Hornets came through.

HEY, you guys--there is a dance coming up pretty soon! This one is the big dance of the year, the QUEEN of HEARTS, with a senior girl presiding as queen for "53". Forget your shyness and make sure you attend the dance. Let's make it a big success.

WHAT AN EDUCATION DOES FOR YOU!

Teacher- "If you have your tonsils removed, what's the operation called?"

Student M.O.- "Tonsillectomy."

Teacher- "And what is an appendix operation called?"

Student M.O.- "Appendectomy".

Teacher- "Now what is an operation to remove a growth from the head?"

Student M.O.- "A hair-cut."

We are sorry to see DUANE WINTERS drop from the Varsity squad. Hope to see you in there next year.

GINGER, would you like to go tobogganing or did you find one bruising enough?

MARGE L. has recently been seeing a lot of a certain ED LOVUOLO, formally of State Tech now transferring to Albany State Teachers. Could this be it?

Here's a plug for one TOM STAMP and his Automotive II's. Ray Automotives!

No, PAT CRANE isn't a member of a fraternity. She is an extra-special friend of a fraternity man. Pat, did he buy the pin for you or for himself?

DAVE UTTER, do you profit from your title, "Adviser to the Cheerleaders?"

Does Mr. Beiling have some secret weapon to keep his Automotive freshmen after class, or are they in the process of discovering the secret of infinity? We think he needs some women in his classes to aid in the project.

Tomorrow is Parents' Day. Last year we had a nice turnout and hope for an even better one this year. Don't just tell your parents where State Tech is. Come with them and show them around your school. Help make this Parents' Day a memorable one.

What painful, chronic disease do these Mechanical freshmen have that they always need an M.O. II "Nur-r-r-se"?

That was an inspiring convocation we had on "The Contributions of Judaism to Democracy," despite the squeaky floor boards. MEMO TO THE CONVOCATION COMMITTEE: Let's have more speakers like this.

Dedicated to the ever germ-conscious M.O. II's:

Great fleas have little fleas upon their back to bite 'em;
And little fleas have lesser fleas and so ad infinitum.
The great fleas, themselves in turn, have greater fleas to go on
And these again have greater still and greater still and so on.

Well, guys and girls, that's it for another month. Just remember Better Days are Coming--or so they tell me anyway.

Tessie

You've seen the new 1953 Buick; you've seen the new 1953 Chevrolet; but have you seen State Tech's new 1953 Ford station wagon?

The station wagon, which is green, will be used mainly to transport State Tech athletes to and from their various games; but, of course, it will have many other uses as well.

If any one cares to see the car, it is kept in the cellar of the Prescott Building; and any of the Automotives would be glad to show it to you.

George Cooke tries for a basket while Ed White hopes for a rebound during the Sampson game.

HORNETS WIN REGION XV JR. COLLEGE TOURNEY

State Tech defeated Leicester College 81 to 74 to move into the finals and play Brooklyn Tech. Coach Baldwin did not use Ford Baker in the game with Leicester because of the protest of his eligibility to play.

Ford did play in the final game with Brooklyn, which we won 73 to 69 to take the tourney and maybe to get another chance in the National Jr. College tourney. The tournament will be held in Hutchinson, Kansas. Even though we actually won the Region XV tournament, a protest was sent in because of the use of Baker, and it may or may not nullify our victory.

Joe Daszewski, who scored 24 points in the first game and 17 points in the second game, was named to the all-tournament team. So balanced was the Hornet's play in the tourney that four others besides "big Joe" were named on the second team: Ford Baker, Paul Guley, Murph Hlopko, and Ed White.

Due to the combination of the Baker rhubarb, the constant bickering over the officiating and the very poor attendance, Coach Baldwin was convinced that this was the last tourney to which he will act as host.

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HORNETS WIN FOUR OF FIVE

State Tech racked up its fifth straight victory and second Empire State Conference win at Delhi by defeating Delhi Tech 73-59 in a rough game marked by 73 personal fouls. The Delhi quintet never threatened after the first quarter. Pete Hatala fouled out in the third quarter but Mario Cianciosi substituted for him making 13 points and playing a very good court game. Murph Hlopko, Paul Guley, and Joe Daszewski all broke into the doubles column with 12, 10, and 14 respectively.

Paul Guley Sets Record

Buffalo Tech seemed to have caught the Hornets on a bad night but Paul was hotter than a fire cracker on the Fourth of July. He made 13 field goals and 10 free throws for a total of 36 points, which broke the previous record of 34 points.

Buffalo never led after Guley's first basket which made it 9-7, but there were some worrisome moments. Murph Hlopko had four fouls before the game was eight minutes old. The game made our record 9 and 2.

In the prelim the Endicott Cadets beat the Tech J.V. team by a score of 84-69.

Joe "D" Takes Record Back

State Tech came back from Oneonta January 13 with its tenth win, its second individual scoring record in five days, and an undefeated foe on the schedule the next Saturday.

Joe Daszewski, relegated to the "has beens" in Hornet scoring history only four nights previous when Paul Guley threw in 36 against Buffalo Tech, dethroned "Garbo" with a 39 point spree that helped down Oneonta 85-77.

In the prelim Oneonta's J.V. team beat Beiling's Baby Bees 40-39.

Hornets Drub Alfred

The Hornets gave Alfred Tech an 83-62 stinging to ruin their undefeated record. Coach Baldwin used a variety of substitutes and regulars in the first half and sent in a whole substitute team in the fourth stanza. We rolled to a 24-13 margin in the first period and 40-26 at halftime. Joe Daszewski led the scoring parade once more with 18 points.

Sabres Outclass Hornets

The Sampson Air Force Base quintet outclassed the Hornets 92-69 before a crowd of approximately 850 spectators. Chuck Stevesky, former Centralite and basketball star was high man for the flyboys with 16 points. Pete Hatala had 20 to lead the Hornet scoring attack.

At halftime Sampson led by only 10 points with a score of 38-28. The fly boys started to take off in the fourth quarter and the point gap just kept getting wider until it finally stopped at 23.

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SPORTSCOPE

By Bucky Mc Neil

It didn't take big Joe Daszewski long to reclaim his scoring record from Paul (Bevo) Guley. Paul had 36 points in the Buffalo Tech encounter, but Joe came back in the next game with Oneonta and netted 39 points. Joe had the record of 34 before dead-eye Guley shattered it. Revenge is what I calls it.

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January 14 started out to be just another day for Mr. Greenwood, but at the day's end it was a different story. The volleyball team travelled to Scranton that day with Mr. Greenwood and while the boys were playing, Dick Leo just happened to smash a window in the Y.M.C.A. After the matches, Mr. Greenwood had to chauffeur the boys to their homes. By the time his mission was accomplished, it was only 3:30 in the morning - and Mr. Greenwood with an eight o'clock class, tch, tch.

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Two new faces are seen on the Varsity basketball squad. They are Don Mills, a T.O. senior, who played J.V. and Varsity ball last year; and Roger Chauncey, Electrical 1A, who played high school ball at Great Bend, Pennsylvania.

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Duane Winters has given up his spot on the Hornet Varsity in favor of his Electrical course.

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State Techs' own Mel Allen, known to us as Ray Koloski, seems to think it is almost time to get a new microphone. He sure gets mad when he starts a sentence and never can finish it. I hope he gets his wish before he does something drastic to the scorekeeper who sits beside him (that's me).

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Strictly for the records: Bob Lauko and Murph Hlopko, two of our Varsity cagers, have yet to let a day go by in which they haven't said the words, "ain't it" at least twelve times. That's a swell record, ain't it?

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Three of our basketball players are on co-op now. Mario Cianciosi is working at Link. Joe Daszewski is at G.E. Paul Guley is working as a draftsman on Chenango Street.

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VOLLEYBALLERS PLAY IN TWO TOURNEYS

State Tech's Varsity volleyballers have participated in two tournaments over the past three weeks. On January 14 the Greenwoodmen travelled to Scranton to play in a three-team tournament. The hard fighting netmen emerged second in this tourney by defeating the Jewish Community Center by scores of 4-15, 15-10, 15-11, and then dropping two straight to a very classy Scranton Y team 15-6 and 15-11. In the Jenkins Memorial Tournament the Techmen were eliminated by dropping two matches in a row to Gloversville and the Binghamton Vets. The Memorial tournament was comprised of teams with a great deal more experience than our own team. The final standings of this ten-team tournament were as follows: Binghamton Y Varsity, Jamaica, Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Schenectady Y Veterans, Gloversville, New York Y Scranton and State Tech were tied for ninth place.

The boys who participated in the last two tournaments were Jack Armstrong, Joe Armstrong, Bob Vosburgh, Bob Hillis, Tony Ruspantini, Gordon Hitt, Jack Fitch, Dick Leo, and Jack Lowery.

Mr. Greenwood has scheduled a volleyball clinic for March 14, to be held at State Tech. Any college may send teams or representatives to learn how volleyball is played and officiated in tournaments.

The volleyball team is scheduled for four matches and two that are still pending. On March 10 the Scranton Y will be here. Mr. Greenwood and his squad expect to leave for Richmond, Indiana on March 5 to play Earlham College. There will be a small tournament held at Springfield College (home of intercollegiate volleyball) on April 18. On Saturday March 21 the squad will journey to Cooper Union for a single match. The Jewish Community Center of Scranton is coming here to play at an undetermined date. Mr. Greenwood plans to invite the Harpur faculty to play our J.V. team in the near future.

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BOYD'S EYE VIEW

I rise to a point of information...

"Gilbert and Sullivan playing at the Queen of Hearts Ball?"... "What is it we're voting on?"..."Who did you say was using a chenille softball?" These questions may be a trifle exaggerated, but not much. We all have our "off" days and the last Student Council meeting was "off". I won't say it was confused, but if that was Parliamentary Procedure, I know why the English pound was devaluated.

The meeting was called to order on January 12 in a proper and stately manner. The roll call was called with a large percentage of the representatives answering, "Not Here." (If you don't know what's going on around here, climb on your representatives and get them--or new ones--to the S.C. meetings). The treasurer's report was given stating a lovely balance for the various organizations--athletics, music, etc.--One question was brought up here, "Where does that money come from? We already have been allotted our share of the budget." Noone knew. Who cares? It's money.

Committee reports brought forth a Social Committee report of progress being made on the Queen of Hearts Ball. I imagine this is discussed elsewhere in the paper so will just say it sounds like a real george deal. Said committee also reported that it sees no sense in spending any more money or time on school dances. It spent about $90 on a Christmas dance and how many showed up? Are you men ("men", yet) bashful or do you need dancing lessons? If it's the latter we'll start classes! Probably, they say, the Social Committee will blow the remainder of its wad on a big graduation or spring dance. Note: Tickets for the Q of H Ball NOW ON SALE.

There have been some changes in the constitution in regard to athletics and awards. It's too long to go into here--and I'm confused--but I do know that the winning Intramural team will receive a chenille letter rather than just an old felt one like they've been getting. Volleyball has been moved up from a Minor to Major sport (rah, rah) and wrestling has been dropped (n.c.). There is to be an Awards dinner about the middle of April.

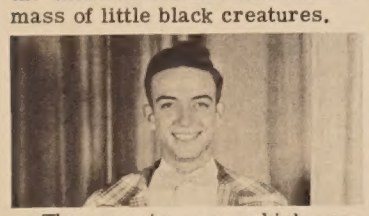
On to more new business...A Syracuse group will present "Iolanthe", a Gilbert and Sullivan musical comedy, in Binghamton under the sponsorship of the State Tech Student Council. A committee is being set up and will roar into action. Advertising by poster, radio, even TV,....stage crews to assist in the staging, electricians ....Interested? This is NOT what peasants refer to as "long hair". Gilbert and Sullivan have created a phenomenally successful series of comic-operas such as "Pirates of Penzance", "The Mikado" (presented here last year), and (His Majesty's Ship) "Pinafore", a satire on the British Navy. It sounds good and would be worth the evening spent away from the television set.

Toward the end of the evening--we'd already missed "I Love Lucy"--the proposition of the Symposium in New York City was put to us. The presiding officer was saying, "Is there a motion?" I must have gotten lost in the shuffle somewhere because I found my not-so-lily-white hand raised and I was asking, "A motion about what?" Apparently I was not the only one lost, for soon the icy stares were taken from me and the question was settled.

The suggestion was rudely made that we adjourn; all those in favor raised a fist and we did..

From Spelunker To Automotive

Imagine yourself in a coal-black theatre, in the middle of a thrilling suspense movie. You're sitting on the edge of your seat and just at the crucial moment the theatre becomes filled with a mass of little black creatures.



The creatures, which were bats, had escaped (by accident?) from a mysterious container. This container did not just walk into the theatre; it was carried in by one of our own Automotive Freshmen.

The story behind this incident started awhile ago when this individual was attending Cornell University. While there he heard about the National Speleological Society which is an organization of men and boys who are interested in exploring caves. He became interested in it and joined.

The Society is divided into various sub-divisions which are known as Grottos. He is a member of the Cornell Grotto. The main requirements of this club are that you like the outdoors and take an interest in exploring.

Speleology is the science of caves. Its followers are divided into two main groups: those who are interested in exploring caves from a scientific standpoint and those who do it just for the sport. The ones who do it for the sport are called spelunkers.

One of the most exciting experiences our automotive has had happened when he and a friend were exploring a cave in West Virginia. They were one-quarter of a mile inside the cave when they came upon an abandoned room in which was a still. Also to get to this same cave they had to ford a river seven times with a car. He has gotten lost for several hours at a time, and has even had to swim underwater several times. Despite all this, he still likes to explore very much and plans on keeping it up.

Now, in case you are wondering who this explorer is, he is our own Dave Utter. If any of you would like to explore caves, just see Dave.

THANK-YOU SHRINERS

Kalurah Temple was built in 1916 by the Shriners, and was used for Shrine activities up until the time State Tech moved in. During the day, however, it was hardly ever in use other than for office purposes.

The cafeteria, which was in operation only a few years before our coming, was operated for the public. In the evenings, there were basketball games, boxing matches, or wrestling matches. Since the state leased the building in 1951, there have been few social functions for the public with the exception of our games.

Since September 1951, the building has had a real face lifting. The cafeteria, which was a huge room, was divided into seven different classrooms. A partition was put in the library to form Mr. Hartman's room, and one was added on the fourth floor to make typing and transcription rooms. The newest addition is the inclosure around the front desk in the lobby.

Although these conditions are not ideal, we are grateful for the Shriners' generosity.

Alumni News

Dean McGowan, Elect. '49, after working for G.E. in Schenectady, has gone to Florida to service G.E. equipment at a Navy base. This work has taken him aboard 2 submarines in which he dived to 250 feet.

Robert Mitchell, Elect. '50, has completed his aircraft carrier qualifications at Pensacola, Florida. From Pensacola he has been sent to advanced training for a course in combat type aircraft.

Donald M. Reeve, Mech. '50, was recently graduated from the jet pilot school as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force at Bryan Air Force Base, Texas.

Richard Latham, T.O. '50, has been appointed to the staff of Underwriters of the New York Life Insurance Company and is specializing in Retirement Annuity Plan, Mortgage Insurance, and Accident & Sickness and Group Insurance. Dick was Art Editor of the Citadel.

ELECTRICAL AND CHEMICAL LABS BACK ON DECK

For months, crates and boxes have arrived at State Tech destined for the Electrical and Chemical laboratories. Opened, they reveal transformers, motors, generators, and even new blonde wood tables and chairs. Both department heads, Mr. Kushner and Mr. Sitterlee say that the new facilities will be better than the laboratories were before the fire. The Scintilla Magneto Division of the Bendix Aviation Company, General Motors, and the Chrysler Corporation have donated some of the equipment.

In the Rider Building, the Electrical Department is nearly completed. There are four gray and green rooms: the electronics laboratory, the electrical shop, the power and automatic control laboratory, (including the new furniture and a television set) and the office. Nearly all of the $15,000 worth of motors and generators have been delivered, while the remainder of the industrial electronic equipment will arrive sometime in February. The students have built a temporary switchboard for limited operations until the new switchboard is delivered in May. Next term, the department expects to offer all laboratory courses. There have been no machinery or control laboratory courses since the fire.

Once it was an indoor miniature golf course, and now it contains the Chemical laboratories. This is the "second floor back" of the Prescott Building. Three laboratories (organic, industrial chemical, and inorganic), the stockroom, balance room, office and lecture room make a total of six rooms, painted light and dark green. The equipment includes sinks, chemical supplies, testing apparatus and new laboratory benches.

SENATOR COOPER, I PRESUME

Most of us have wondered just what goes on in Albany and Washington. Hazel Cooper, a T.O. frosh, can tell you lots about the state government at Albany, since she has done secretarial work for Assemblyman Richard H. Knauf. During the three months she worked, Hazel learned much about New York State politics; and she met many members of the state legislature.

We always think of the sessions of the House and Senate as being dry and formal, but Hazel will tell you that they are far from that. The sessions are quite informal and the members talk to each other while bills are being introduced and discussed.

Remember the colored margarine bill introduced by Mrs. Strong, which the farmers fought to the last ditch? To prove what a nuisance mixing and coloring the oleo is, Mrs. Strong brought her own bowl and colored the margarine right in the chambers.

Hazel also heard discussion of the Hatch-Metcalf Bill which would legalize the use of stray cats and dogs for scientific research. The disagreeing factions: the anti-vivisectionists and the medical people, were much aroused, and violent arguments were the rule rather than the exception. Hazel says that she wouldn't have wanted to be a member of either house because the bills made bitter enemies.

Ask her if she has any political aspirations, and she will tell you that she "wouldn't be a politician for anything."

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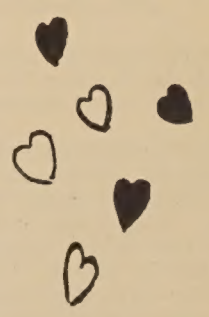

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